

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY GRANT APPLICATION			
Project Name: Escondido and Ramirez Canyons PP&D		Amount of Request: \$ 200,000	
		Total Project Cost: \$ 200,000	
Applicant Name: Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority		Amount of Match: \$ 0	
		Source of Match: n/a	
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Brief Scope of Work (60 words maximum): Project planning and design necessary for a Coastal Development project for the protection of the land and water resources of the Santa Monica Bay coastal watershed, including the expansion of recreational use and trail development in Escondido and Ramirez Canyons and the restoration of Ramirez Creek.			
Funding Source Applied for: Proposition 50			
Narrative/Project Description:			
<u>Background:</u> The State of California has authorized expenditure of funds from the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50) to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, in Chapter 10, Sections 79570(c) and 79571, for purpose of protecting coastal watersheds, including but not limited to, acquisition, protection, and restoration of land and water resources and associated planning, permitting, and administrative costs, and for the acquisition and development of facilities to promote public access to and participation in the conservation of land, water, and wildlife resources.			
Public Resources Code Section 33204(c): "The Conservancy may, in accordance with the priorities of the plan . . . award grants to state agencies, cities, counties, resource conservation districts, and park and recreation districts for the purpose of acquiring sites identified as necessary for park, recreation, or conservation purposes and for development of essential related public facilities."			
<u>Project Description:</u> The MRCA is proposing a Coastal Development project to protect the land and water resources of the Santa Monica Bay coastal watershed. The requested funding would allow the project to commence. The project includes restoration of Ramirez Creek, expanding the scope of recreational use of Ramirez Canyon Park and Escondido Canyon, addressing problems in the current Coastal Development permit, and enhancing existing programs conducted at Ramirez			

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Canyon Park. The Coastal permit process can be quite complex. The MRCA has retained a professional environmental planner to assist in the process. Other outside consultants will be utilized as well. A variety of engineering and technical services will be necessary to make a permit complete. This work could include but not be limited to traffic, hydrology, geology, grading, biology, water quality, noise, and archaeological studies. At the beginning of the permit process, it is difficult to judge exactly which outside consultants will be necessary.

Staff will be revising public outreach programs and increasing public access at Ramirez Canyon Park. Additionally, to expand recreational use, staff will be evaluating the possible trail connections between Ramirez Canyon Park and Escondido Canyon. Staff activities may include researching subject properties' natural resources and ownership, negotiations and preparation of purchase agreements, obtaining and reviewing appraisals, title reports, and environmental assessments, mapping and graphics to support acquisitions, and preparation of project plans as necessary. Outside trail planning consultants may be used to determine trail alignment and grading.

The MRCA requests that the term of agreement begins March 1, 2006 and end no earlier than June 30, 2008.

Tasks / Milestones:	Budget:	Completion Date
1 Engineering and Permitting	\$ 180,000	June 30, 2008
2 Acquisition PP&D	\$ 20,000	June 30, 2008
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Acquisition Projects:	APN(s): n/a
	Acreage: n/a

I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

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